

**Amendments to the Claims:**

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A vehicle to assist walking having functions to help a person walk, and to allow a helper to move a person, wherein the vehicle comprises a frame extending around ~~the a~~ body of ~~the a~~ user of the vehicle to support the body of the user when the user walks using the vehicle, wheels mounted on the frame, and a seat plate comprising a pair of seat plate portions, wherein the seat plate portions are projectable from each side of the user to an area where legs of a walking user move, and wherein the seat plate portions are ~~which can project from around the lateral side of the user to an area where the legs of the walking user move, and wherein the seat plate is~~ removed from the area where the legs of the walking user move when the user walks using the vehicle.

2. (Currently Amended) A vehicle to assist walking, as set forth in claim 1, wherein the seat plate ~~can~~ is pivotable ~~be pivoted~~ about a predetermined axis, and wherein the seat plate is projected to the area where the legs of the walking user move by pivoting the seat plate.

3. (Original) A vehicle to assist walking, as set forth in claim 2, wherein the predetermined axis is a horizontal axis.

4. (Canceled)

5. (Currently Amended) A vehicle to assist walking, as set forth in claim 1, wherein the seat plate ~~can project~~ is projectable from around the lateral and rear side of the user to the area where the legs of the walking user move.

6. (Canceled)

7. (Canceled)

8. (Canceled)

9. (Canceled)

10. (New) A vehicle to assist walking having functions to help a person walk, and to allow a helper to move a person, wherein the vehicle comprises a frame extending around a body of a person of the vehicle to support the body of the person when the person walks using the vehicle, wheels mounted on the frame, and a seat plate comprising a pair of seat plate portions, and wherein the seat plate portions is projectable from each side of the person to the area where legs of a walking person move, wherein the seat plate portions are removed from the area where the legs of the walking person move when the person walks using the vehicle, wherein the vehicle further comprises means for braking movement of the vehicle, the braking means having at least one braking frame biased downwardly by a spring, wherein when the movement of the vehicle should not be braked, the lower end of the braking frame is moved upwardly against the biasing force of the spring and is kept remote from and above the ground by engaging the braking frame with an engagement plate, and wherein when the movement of the vehicle should be braked, the braking frame is disengaged from the engagement plate to move the braking frame downwardly by gravity and the biasing force of the spring to contact the lower end of the braking frame to the ground by gravity and the biasing force of the spring.

11. (New) A vehicle to assist walking having functions to help a person walk, and to allow a helper to move a person, wherein the vehicle comprises a frame extending around a body of the person of the vehicle to support the body of the person when the person walks using the vehicle, wheels mounted on the frame, and a seat plate comprising a pair of seat plate portions, and wherein the seat plate portions is projectable from each side of the person to the area where legs of a walking person move, wherein the seat plate portions are removed from the area where the legs of the walking person move when the person walks using the vehicle, wherein the vehicle further comprises, at its rear area, at least one vertically

extending handle which a helper grasps when the helper moves a person by using the vehicle, and the handle is pivotable between a vertical position and a horizontal position, and wherein when the handle extends horizontally, the handle extends behind the person of the vehicle so that the person can use the handle as a backrest.